

Consideration of the dedication of the Manitou Island Addition Nature Preserve in Fulton County

The proposed Nature Preserve is a 336.93 acre property in the center of Fulton County. This nature preserve is located approximately 2.0 miles southeast of Rochester, in Indiana's Northern Lakes Natural Region.

The proposed nature preserve addition primarily consists of a wetland complex – including a shrub swamp, marsh, forested swamp, sedge meadow, and shrub fen, a natural lake, and associated upland and lowland forests, along with numerous state-listed plants and animals. This lake and wetland system is a high quality habitat for a minimum of eight state listed birds, providing nesting and hunting areas. This nature preserve also provides a home for three state-listed plants while acting as a buffer for the State Threatened plant, Smooth Veiny pea.

This Nature Preserve is an important addition to the Manitou Island Nature Preserve and as a buffer to the watershed and water quality of Lake Manitou. By physically connecting three existing nature preserves: Manitou Island, Judy Burton, and Bob Kern, this addition brings the total area of contiguous wetlands to 740.66 acres that protect the entire southern end of the Lake.

This tract is owned by the Department of Natural Resources and managed by the Division of Nature Preserves and the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

The Division of Nature Preserves and the Division of Fish and Wildlife recommend dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves exhibit A.



Manitou Island Wetland Addition Nature Preserve

Exhibit A

County: Fulton
Size: 336.93 acres

USGS Quad Map: Rochester
Ownership: Division of Nature Preserves



 Manitou Island Wetland Addition Nature Preserve
 State Dedicated Nature Preserves & Wetland Conservation Areas

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